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Thief abandons vehicle after finding baby

SURREY A stolen vehicle was quickly abandoned Tuesday evening after its thief discovered a sleeping baby inside.

Surrey RCMP Const. Peter Neily said the theft appeared to be one of opportunity as the vehicle was left running and unattended when it was stolen from the area of 152nd Street and 26th Avenue.

"I would assume it was probably quite a realization on the thief's part that they had stolen a car with a baby in it," Neily said.

The vehicle was recovered within minutes, only six blocks away at 148th Street and 28th Avenue. It was parked in a manner that made it easy to find, Neily added.

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Paralympics **Cherry predicts top of podium**



Don Cherry meets a police officer at a luncheon at The Fairmont Waterfront hotel in downtown Vancouver yesterday. The colourful host of Hockey Night in Canada predicted Canada's sledge hockey team will win a second consecutive gold medal at the Winter Paralympic Games. Team Canada's first match is against Italy on Saturday. **Story, page 6.**

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Wheelchair-bound Canadian beaten in Australia

WINNIPEG Shellan Proden was struggling yesterday to comprehend why someone would attack her son in a wheelchair and beat him for several minutes in an assault captured by a transit system surveillance camera halfway around the world. "I can't believe a human being would do that to someone else," Proden said from her home near Winnipeg. "It's like a savage."

Proden's 35-year-old son, Heath, was visiting his girlfriend in Sydney, Australia. He was alone and waiting for a train late Tuesday night, according to New South Wales police, when he was approached by two young men who punched him in the face and knocked him from his wheelchair. Police say the assailants stomped on him and hit him with metal bars before running off with his belongings and wheelchair, only to return later to continue the beating.

The video shows the victim lying on the cramped floor of an elevator, trying in vain to fend off blows and get back into his chair. He suffered multiple injuries and was waiting for surgery. Two youths, aged 15 and 16, have been arrested and are facing multiple charges.

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Heath Proden and girlfriend Kristin Sharrock in Dec. 2009.

Crosby's golden gear lost ... (finally) found

Medal-winning stick, glove misplaced rather than stolen

The stick and glove that helped Canada win Olympic gold are back where they belong.

Sidney Crosby's missing gear was on its way to Pittsburgh yesterday. Hockey Canada says it was misplaced rather than stolen, with both items ending up in the wrong place in the process of packing and shipping equipment after the Olympic final.

The stick and glove were the ones used by Crosby when he scored the overtime goal in the 3-2 win Feb. 28 over the U.S. in Vancouver.

"I'm grateful to everyone who took the time and effort to get my equipment back for me," Crosby was quoted on the Penguins website. "These items are ir-

replaceable and I'm happy to have them back."

"He's happy that the distractions and questions are gone," added Hockey Canada executive Scott Salmond, who led the search for the equipment.

Crosby's stick was located in Toronto as part of a shipment heading to the International Ice Hockey Federation Hall of Fame in St. Petersburg, Russia. The stick was being sent to the IIHF in the mistaken belief that it was not the game stick.

The IIHF helped locate the stick and provided photographs to Crosby, who confirmed that it was the one he used to score on U.S. goalie Ryan Miller.

The missing glove was discovered by Team Canada teammate Patrice Bergeron.

Disappearing act

• This isn't the first time some of Crosby's gear has vanished. In 2005, his jersey went missing after Canada's gold-medal win over Russia at the world junior hockey championship in Grand Forks, N.D. It was later found in a mailbox outside a post office in Lachute, Que.

The players sat beside each other in the dressing room and one of Crosby's gloves was inadvertently placed in Bergeron's equipment bag. "With everyone's co-operation, we were able to locate these items and are pleased to be able to return the stick and glove to its rightful owner," said Salmond. Hockey Canada said both

the stick and glove were en route to Crosby. There was no immediate word on his plans for the equipment.

After the gear went missing, an investigation was launched and Reebok put up a \$10,000 reward for the stick.

"I told Patrice that we should split it," joked Salmond.

Reebok issued a brief statement saying "details of the reward distribution" will be announced today.

Also yesterday, Crosby announced he was giving his \$20,000 Olympic medal bonus to the Sidney Crosby Foundation, which provides financial help to local charities in Nova Scotia.

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Lyon up for B.C. literary prize

Annabel Lyon's *The Golden Mean*, left, is among the nominees to be announced today for best fiction at the 26th annual B.C. Book Prizes. The winners will be announced in April. METRO VANCOUVER

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News in brief

FALSE ALARM Two teenagers were arrested at gunpoint in North Vancouver after police received reports the boys were in possession of a handgun, which turned out to be a fake.

SENTENCED A 34-year-old Delta man who drove away from court after being banned from operating a vehicle was sentenced to seven days in jail.

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Vancouver police Const. Lindsey Houghton speaks to the media yesterday in the alley where Thomas Sawyer was found dead Sunday morning.

Info sought in death

Homeless man discovered collapsed in alley

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Vancouver police are appealing to the public for help determining how a homeless man, known for selling flowers in Yaletown streets, died after he was found collapsed in a downtown alley.

Thomas Sawyer, 55, was discovered by a passerby in a laneway near Richards and Nelson streets sometime after 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

He died in hospital a short time later with major internal lung injuries from what appeared to be an impact, Const. Lindsey

"It's very sad. No one deserves to die in a lane like this."

VPD Const. Lindsey Houghton

Houghton said yesterday. "We don't know how he sustained those injuries," Houghton said, adding there were no external injuries.

Houghton said police have been unable to find any next of kin, and they are taking the unusual step of releasing Sawyer's name in the hopes that someone who knows what happened will come forward.

ward.

"Mr. Sawyer was known to walk around here during the day and interact with people. He was fairly well-known for giving out flowers, especially in the Yaletown and Granville Street area," Houghton said.

"Officers found flowers around Mr. Sawyer's body when he was found. It's very sad. No one deserves to die in a lane like this."

"He brought smiles to people's faces ... (Police officers) built connections with (him) and this is upsetting to a lot of people."

The results of an autopsy won't be known for several days.

Team Canada tickets in demand for Paralympics

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EVENTS Team Canada remains a strong draw for the 2010 Paralympic Games.

Tickets to all of Canada's sledge-hockey games have sold out and so has the gold-medal game for hockey and wheelchair curling.

Friday's opening ceremonies in Vancouver are also expected to sell out and the closing ceremonies, which take place in Whistler, are already full.

There are 250,000 tickets available for the Paralympics and unlike the Olympics, there is no quota set aside for sponsors, athletes or officials.

"Once the Olympics end, everyone focuses on the next event since they had such a good time and it's the Paralympics," said Caley Denton, vice-president of ticketing for the organizing committee.

"And then they go to their first event and they get blown away by how good the competition is and it tends to grow, so we expect by the end of the Paralympics to have sold most of the tickets."

In Vancouver, there are still tickets available for earlier rounds of wheelchair curling and sledge-hockey competitions not involving Team Canada.

Ticket prices range from \$15 for sports events to \$175 for the ceremonies.

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Roads closed for torch relay

DOWNTOWN Some of downtown Vancouver's major roads and pedestrian corridors will be closed today and Friday to accommodate the Paralympic torch relay and opening ceremonies at B.C. Place.

The torch relay route loops through Robson, Granville and Smithe streets, bringing with it closures and traffic restrictions for several blocks along Robson, Smithe, Howe, Granville and Bute streets.

On Friday, the Georgia Viaduct and Cambie Bridge will be closed from 10 a.m. to midnight, as

will Quebec Street southbound from Keefer Street to Pacific Boulevard, and portions of Beatty and Robson streets.

Expo and Pacific boulevards remain closed until March 16.

Temporary pedestrian corridors will also be in effect Friday between noon and midnight on parts of Expo Boulevard, and Georgia, Granville, Hamilton, Robson and Smithe streets.

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Sledge hockey team aiming for hat trick

PARALYMPIC

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GREG DOWNS
for Metro Vancouver

Canada has a chance at completing the Vancouver 2010 hat trick when the reigning Paralympic champions defend their title in sledge hockey.

Sledge hockey is one of the premier events of the Paralympics due to its fast-paced game with the same rules and physical play of hockey.

All competitors have lower-body disabilities. They play on sledges, which they propel with sticks that have spikes on one end, and the stick blade on the other.

"People are impressed by the speed, the physicality of it and what we can do and how hard we can shoot the puck," said Marc Dorion, a forward with Team Canada.

Competitors are strapped into a sledge that



Marc Dorion of Canada and Udo Segreff of Germany challenge for the puck at the Turin 2006 Winter Paralympic Games.

Game info

- Sledge hockey is being played at the UBC Thunderbird Arena.
- Canada's first game is Saturday against Italy.

doesn't allow lower body movement. It is a sport that takes incredible training and upper body strength to play, according to Dorion.

"It is really demanding

on the body, I'm on the ice in the morning, and weight sessions in the afternoon, and that's at least five, six times a week," said Dorion who said the hard work will pay off.

"Perhaps we're the favourites, we're very confident in our team right now. We are ready to rock 'n' roll."

Norway currently leads the historical sledge hockey medal standings with four medals; Canada has three.

Para-alpine going for gold in Whistler

SKIING Who would have thought that Canada's best shot for a medal at Whistler's slopes in 2010 would come in March?

Canada's para-alpine team is ranked No. 1 in the world ahead of the Winter Paralympics thanks to strong recent results.

There are three classifications dividing the field of athletes: Visually impaired; standing; and sitting.

Sitting skiers use a mono-ski. That's a chair attached to a single ski, along with outriggers,

poles attached to small blades that are also used by some standing athletes.

Visually impaired skiers use the same equipment as able-bodied athletes, but follow a guide down the course.

Para-alpine head coach Jean Sebastien Labrie said first-time spectators should note the speed and athleticism of the athletes.

"It's very fun to watch,

the speed that the guys go, like visually impaired athletes going down at 120 km/h, it's pretty impressive," said Labrie.

"We have Lauren Woolstencroft, who is a double-amputee below the knee, and she has one arm, she's an amazing athlete to watch, and a world champion."

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McKeever set to compete after Olympic disappointment

BIATHLON Canadians will get another chance to see a member of the Canadian Olympic team compete when Brian McKeever takes part in the biathlon at the Paralympics.

McKeever was a member of the Canadian Olympic cross-country team, but did not compete because Canada was given a limited number of spots. He suffers from macular degeneration and will participate in the Paralympics.

Biathlon events are sorted into classifications based on disability. Sitting, stand-



Brian McKeever

ing and visually impaired.

Sitting skiers are paraplegic or have amputations in the lower half of the body. The main difference is the equipment. The skis are shorter, with the bindings attached to a chair for the athlete to sit in.

Standing skiers can have

a range of motion disabilities, including amputations in the upper or lower body, and use the same equipment as able-bodied skiers.

Visually impaired biathletes use the same skiing equipment as able-bodied skiers, but have a guide to get around the course and orient them when aiming for the shooting targets.

Visually impaired athlete's rifles are electronic and emit a high-pitch tone that gets higher as the athlete's aim nears the target.

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Cherry predicts more gold

Canada's best-known hockey commentator says this country's gold-medal good luck will continue through the upcoming Paralympics.

CBC Hockey Night in Canada's Don Cherry was a guest speaker at a Paralympic luncheon in Van-

couver yesterday, where he told about 400 people that he's certain the Canadian sledge-hockey team will join the men's and women's Olympic squads in winning gold.

The outspoken sportscaster, who shunned his usual wacky attire for a

rather stylish suit, entertained the crowd with self-deprecating stories from his coaching days, including the time he was fired by the Boston Bruins.

Among those joining Cherry at the luncheon was Paul Rosen, goaltender for the Canadian

sledge-hockey team, who also predicted his squad would win a second consecutive Paralympic gold medal.

Rosen and the rest of the Canadian team open the Paralympics with a game against Italy on Saturday.

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RCMP catch escaped fraudster

CRIME A man who escaped from prison in Alberta was arrested in Surrey by Mounties investigating a counterfeiting and forgery ring, RCMP said yesterday.

Last Thursday, officers found the missing inmate and a woman described as his girlfriend at a household-goods store buying materials commonly used to forge credit cards.

In a search of the couple's apartment in North Surrey, police seized more than \$75,000 US, forged keys, social insurance cards and equipment used to forge credit cards and cash.

Nathan Paolinelli and Stacey Scharf face various charges.

Paolinelli was serving a sentence for fraud-related offences before he went missing from jail.

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News in brief

CHILD PORN RCMP have laid eight more child-porn charges — including sexual assault and making child pornography — against a Surrey man arrested in January. Nine children have been rescued by police in this case, including seven from the Vancouver area.

MEGGS Vancouver city Coun. Geoff Meggs is recovering in hospital after being hit by a car while riding his bike near Granville Street and West 51st Avenue. Meggs, who was wearing a helmet, was knocked unconscious and will need surgery to fix some separated vertebrae, but is expected to make a full recovery.

COPS Criminal assault charges against two Victoria officers were announced yesterday, the same day an audit of the department recommended a review of use-of-force incidents. The report found 13 officers out of about 260 were responsible for one-third of all the department's use-of-force reports.

MOUNTAINS Grouse Mountain saw more than 20 centimetres of natural snowfall in the last week and Cypress Mountain has reopened for recreational skiing.

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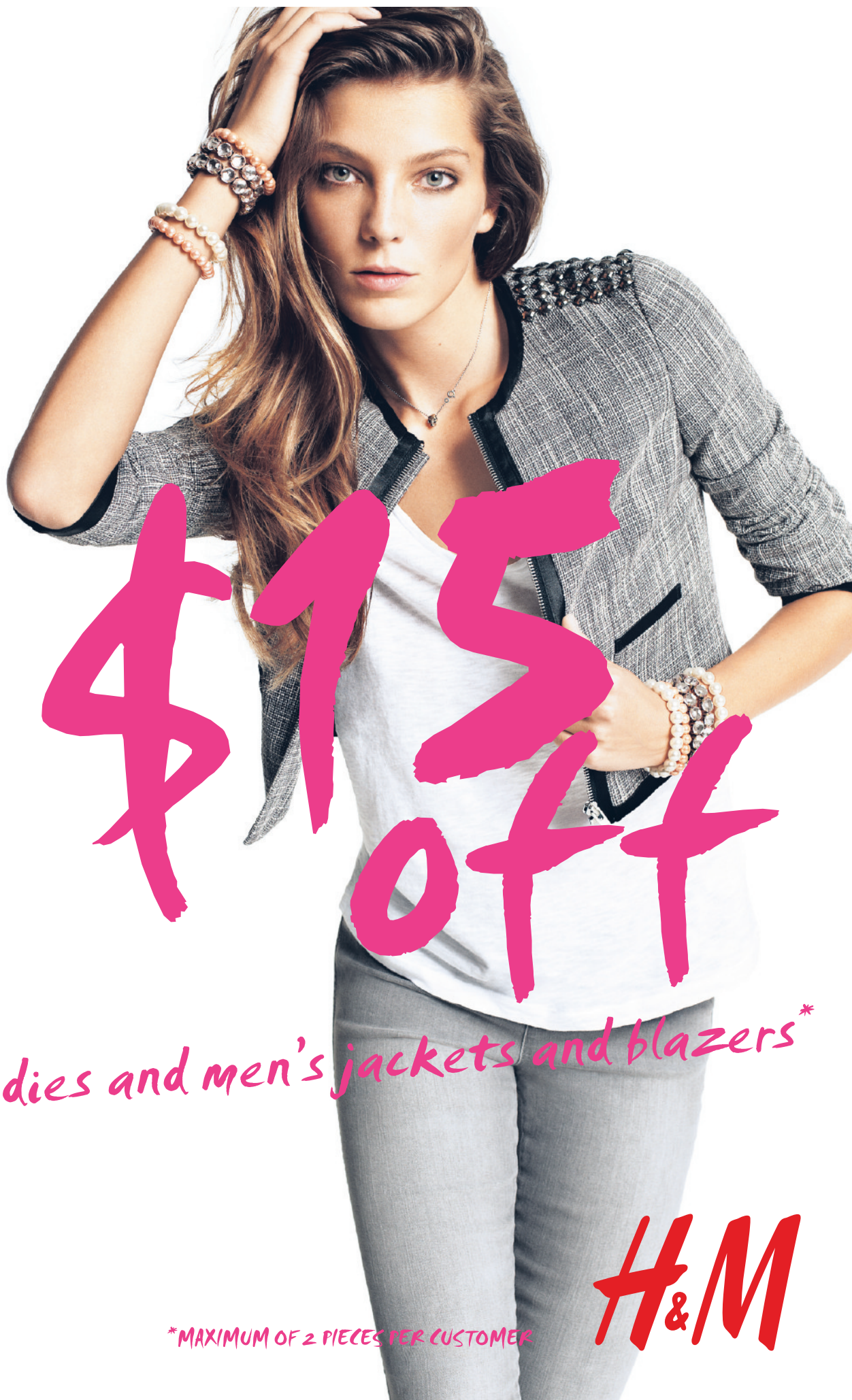
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Feds billed \$1,000 for light switch

Federal contract workers charged the feds \$5,266 to install six potlights and \$1,000 to replace a light switch. Details of other incredibly costly charges were splashed across two pages in Montreal's *La Presse* yesterday. Current Public Works Minister Rona Ambrose, left, says the expenses were over the top, and she wants the contracts reviewed.

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Canada

Seal meal draws protests

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada



Canada's parliamentarians were united yesterday over a bit of furry sea mammal, a gathering that drew strong rebuke from animal rights activists.

MPs and senators of all stripes broke bread yesterday at a special luncheon on Parliament Hill, united by a menu that featured seal meat.

It's the first time seal has been served in the 100-year history of the parliamentary restaurant.

The event was staged by Liberal Senator Celine Hervieux-Payette to show support for Canada's beleaguered seal industry, which is facing a European ban.

Fisheries Minister Gail Shea and Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff were among MPs from all four parties who attended.

Outside Parliament Hill, activists, including members of the Ottawa Animal

Defense League, protested Canada's seal hunt.

"We're here to represent the majority of Canadians who want to see the seal hunt ended, and who want to point out what this luncheon really is, which is a political stunt to try to raise the profile of certain politicians and try to get votes from Atlantic Canada in the next election," said Sheryl Fink of International Fund for Animal Welfare.

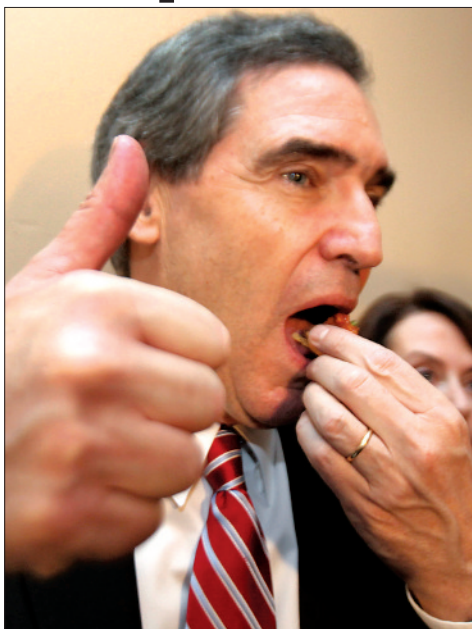
She added: "I do think sealers would be better served by a government that would help (them) transition into other forms of employment and income."

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Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff gives the thumbs up as he eats a seal-meal appetizer at an event marking the first time seal meat was served in the Parliamentary restaurant in Ottawa yesterday.

'Awards' highlight wasteful spending

TEDDY AWARDS The high-on-the-hog pensions enjoyed by MPs and their \$10 million in household mailouts have been singled out for spoof awards from a taxpayers' group.

The MPs have collectively been awarded golden pigs in the 12th annual Canadian Taxpayers Federation Teddy awards, taking both the federal and lifetime achievement categories.

The annual awards, first handed out in 1999, poke fun at wasteful spending at all levels of government.

They are presented about the same time as the Oscars by a tuxedo-clad emcee who reads out the nominations, then tears open an envelope to name the winner.

"We hold the ceremony each year to enlighten the public about government waste and highlight fat that needs to be trimmed," said Colin Craig, Prairie director for the federation.

MPs spent \$10 million on

The original Ted

- The awards — pig figurines spray-painted gold — are named after Ted Weatherill, a former federal bureaucrat who was fired in 1999 over his excessive expense claims.

mailouts in 2008-09, which won them the federal waste category. "Oddly enough, as our deficit skyrocketed, MPs hiked up their usage of these flyers to tell us about everything but the deficit," he said.

The MP pension plan — they qualify after six years in office and can collect \$46,000 annually after just 10 years — was given the lifetime achievement award.

Craig said it seems the pensions are the one thing that MPs of all stripes agree on: "Nothing unites them like defending their own benefits." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Raitt beats House of Commons boredom with Twitter commentary

INTERNET Lisa Raitt seems to have found a cure for ministerial boredom in the House of Commons. The labour minister said on Twitter yesterday that she would live tweet during question period, and pro-

ceeded to provide colour commentary — literally. "lots of purple on the other side of the house today," she wrote in one tweet.

Unlike other cabinet ministers who use the so-

cial media tool to promote policies or attack the opposition, Raitt's tweets focused on less weighty matters.

"M. Bachand's tie is a little askew today," she tweeted.

Raitt seemed so absorbed in her BlackBerry that at times she didn't applaud on cue with the rest of her caucus, tweeting eight times in the 45-minute period.

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Child porn investigation nets 35 arrests in Ontario

CHARGES A co-ordinated investigation into child pornography in Ontario resulted in charges against 35 people, police announced yesterday.

Two child victims, one in the province, the other outside Canada, were "rescued," police said, although they refused to provide details.

"This is a crime that, to me, is one of the most heinous one human being can commit against another," said Ontario Police Commissioner Julian Fantino.

The charges follow

6 MILLION

One accused had more than six million images stored on his computer.

weeks of legwork involving 18 police services that are part of a provincewide initiative to combat child pornography.

In all, 44 search warrants were executed, leading to 122 child-porn and other charges. Police said the individuals charged were not part of any ring.

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of tougher aviation security measures announced in January after a Christmas Day bomb plot was foiled in skies over Detroit. Other measures include the installation of full-body scanners in airports across Canada. The government said wearing heavy clothes on a hot day or sweating profusely might be considered signs that something is amiss with an air traveler. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



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The House of Commons has voted in principle to support the federal budget. MPs voted 142-132 today in a confidence motion on the budget. All three opposition parties opposed the motion, but the Liberals made sure that enough of their MPs stayed away to avoid toppling the minority Conservative government. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Jean praises Dominican aid

Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean, a "daughter" of the island of Hispaniola, offered Canada's thanks to the Dominican Republic yesterday for helping to facilitate relief efforts after the cataclysmic earthquake that shattered its Haitian neighbour.

Jean followed two days of visits in the broken country of her birth with a diplomatic stop in the Dominican capital of Santo Domingo, where she met with President Leonel Fernandez at the presidential palace.

"Canada was very impressed by the work of the Dominican Republic in disaster efforts," Jean said, describing herself as "a daughter of this island" who was impressed by the resilience of the Haitian survivors she met.

She was equally impressed with the willingness of countries like the Dominican to step up and lend a hand, she added.

"The message to them is that they are not alone."

Challenges

- Jean, a champion of women's rights, also met with a women's group, where she learned of the violence and health threats faced by Dominican women, thanks in part to a lack of abortion rights — 90 per cent of pregnancy-related deaths are the result of abortion complications.

- Some 30 per cent of the Dominican earns less than \$2 a day, despite having a higher GDP, better living conditions and literacy rates than their Haitian neighbours.

Jean also stressed the Canadian government's message that the Dominican will be a strategic partner as Canada focuses on Latin America as a foreign-policy priority.

She cited the combined efforts of the two countries following the quake as a prime example.

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Parliament Hill Rally against First Nations HST



Thousands protested the proposed HST taxation of Canada's First Nations yesterday at Parliament Hill. Angus Toulouse, Ontario regional chief with the Assembly of First Nations, said the government has failed to honour Native treaties and has not consulted First Nations on the decision.

News in brief

MINING A coalition of Canadian mining watchdog groups sent documents to the RCMP yesterday, requesting they investigate the activities of Calgary-based Blackfire

Exploration Ltd. and its Mexican operations. The groups allege the company should be probed under the Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HALIFAX A couple charged in the death of their seven-week old daughter had dates in late April set today for inquiries in Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Activist gives Alberta premier photos of ducks stuck in oilsands

ENVIRONMENT A Greenpeace activist has marched up the steps of the Alberta legislature and provided Premier Ed Stelmach with pictures of ducks struggling in a northern Alberta oilsands tailings pond.

Earlier this week, Stelmach said he hadn't seen images of the 1,600 ducks that died after landing on a Syncrude Canada sludge pond.

But a day later he said he saw pictures around the time the ducks landed in April 2008, but hadn't seen recent photos released during Syncrude's trial on environmental charges.

Greenpeace spokesman Mike Hudema says it's time for Stelmach to stop hiding from the images of the sludge-covered ducks.

Hudema says Alberta's Tory government has lax environmental standards that allow the creation of lake-sized toxic ponds in the northern oilsands region.

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Teen charged in sex assault on six-year-old

Police in Manitoba have charged a 17-year-old youth in the kidnapping and sexual assault of a six-year-old girl. RCMP in The Pas say the girl was walking to school when she was abducted and taken to her home, where she was sexually assaulted. She was able to escape and then told her mother, who called police. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Bar fees on taxpayers to end

Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter has changed his mind and decided to pay his own bar fees.

The premier had been criticized by the Liberals since it was revealed taxpayers had been footing the bill under a little-known government perk

to maintain his full status as a lawyer.

Under the program, a legislative member who is a lawyer could have their annual bar fees covered up to a maximum of \$3,800.

Figures released by the premier's office show taxpayers paid a total of

\$10,642.67 in fees for Dexter since 2006.

Dexter's spokeswoman Jennifer Stewart says the premier has



Darrell Dexter

now decided to switch to non-practising status, and will pay the required \$250 fee himself.

She says the premier is also now looking into whether professional fees are an expense that should be covered by taxpayers.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier sorry for 9-11 poster

SASKATCHEWAN Premier Brad Wall says he's sorry if anyone was offended by a fundraising poster that shows the World Trade Center on fire during the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

The image was the background photo on a poster for a pig roast being held by the Saskatchewan Party near Saskatoon.

The guest speaker at the dinner is Chief Richard Picciotto, the highest-ranking firefighter pulled from the rubble after the Twin Towers collapsed.

The New Democrats say the poster is "less than tasteful" and they note the words "pig roast" are over the flames coming from the towers. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hotel staff learn to spot child abuse

PREVENTION Hotel workers in Manitoba are becoming the latest eyes and ears in the fight against child sexual abuse and exploitation.

Employees at hotels across the province will soon be trained to spot and report anyone they think is taking sexual advantage of a vulnerable child. The program is modelled after one used in Alberta and will be formally launched in April.

Jim Baker, head of the Manitoba Hotel Association, said everyone from housekeepers to front-desk staff will be on the lookout for potential child abuse. But it's not simple to spot, he said.

"It's very difficult," he said. "Old man, young girl — it could be a niece, it could be a granddaughter. But the things that housekeeping might see in a room when they are doing their daily routine."

Workers will be given a dedicated phone number to report any potential exploitation, Baker added.

Family Services Minister Gord Macintosh said enlisting the help of hotel workers is just another way to crack down on "curb-crawling creeps."

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Wall's daughter back on the road

DRIVING Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says his daughter is on the road — and this time it's legal.

Wall told rural municipal leaders at their annual convention that Megan got her driver's licence last November.

Controversy erupted in March 2008 when Wall told the same group that he allowed Megan, who was 14 at the time, to drive on a country road near their home in Swift Current.

Saskatchewan law says a driver has to be at least 15 years old and have a learner's permit before legally getting behind the wheel.

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A global Internet oversight agency is reopening discussions about whether to create a ".xxx" domain name as an online red-light district where porn sites can set up shop away from the wandering eyes of children and teenagers. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World



Biden rebukes Israel

U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden's displeasure over an Israeli plan to enlarge an east Jerusalem settlement was on display yesterday as he warned against actions that "inflammate tensions" and reassured his Palestinian hosts that they deserve a sustainable, independent state.

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News in brief

FRANCE Rumours are swirling that both French President Nicolas Sarkozy and wife Carla Bruni have strayed. Bruni has been linked with a pop star; the president with a junior minister. The story broke on Twitter, but was quickly picked up by reputable French outlets. The story is that Bruni is in love with singer Benjamin Biolay, and Sarkozy with Chantal Jouanno, a junior minister for ecology.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sex cliché rings true: Study

RESEARCH It seems the old cliché may be true. Men are more likely than women to be interested in sex, have sex and enjoy sex, according to new scientific research, which also found people who stay active and healthy enjoy longer sex lives. Research by University of Chicago academics published in the British Medical Journal found that, across all age groups, men were more interested in sex

than women — and the gap increased with age. "Overall, men were more likely than women to be sexually active," the researchers found.

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'Jihad Jane' indicted

The self-described "Jihad Jane" who thought her blond hair and blue eyes would let her blend in as she sought to kill an artist in Sweden is a rare case of an American woman aiding foreign terrorists and shows the evolution of the global threat, authorities say.

The suburban Philadelphia woman, Colleen R. LaRose, is accused in the indictment filed Tuesday of actively recruiting fighters, as well as agreeing to murder the artist, marry a ter-

rorism suspect so he could move to Europe and martyr herself if necessary.

LaRose is "one of only a few such cases nationwide in which females have been charged with terrorism violations," said U.S. Department of Justice spokesman Dean Boyd. LaRose, 46, of Pennsburg, Pa., but with close ties to south Texas, has been held without bail since her Oct. 15 arrest in Philadelphia.

LaRose had targeted Swedish artist Lars Vilks and had online discussions about her plans with at least one of several suspects apprehended over that plot Tuesday in Ireland, according to a U.S. official speaking on condition of

anonymity. Irish police said yesterday those arrested were two Algerians, two Libyans, a Palestinian, a Croatian and an American woman married to one of the Algerian suspects.

A U.S. Department of Justice spokesman wouldn't confirm the case is related to Vilks, who angered Muslims by depicting the Prophet Muhammad with the body of a dog.

At least three Swedish newspapers published the cartoon yesterday, arguing that it had news value or was a free-speech symbol.

The indictment charges that LaRose, who also used the name Fatima LaRose as her online moniker, agreed to kill the target on orders from the unnamed terrorists she met online, and travelled to Europe in August to do so.

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Conference aims to save forests

French President Nicolas Sarkozy will open a daylong conference today of some 40 nations to start turning plans into action to save the world's forests. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Scandals stir fear of major crisis for papacy

Church abuse scandals in Germany have reached the older brother of Pope Benedict XVI and are creeping ever closer to the pontiff himself.

While there has been no suggestion of wrongdoing by Benedict, the launch of an inquiry by German Catholic officials after his brother admitted he slapped children years ago is stirring Vatican fears of a major crisis for the papacy.

Benedict, 82, was archbishop of Munich from 1977 to 1982 when he was brought to the Vatican to head the body responsible for investigating abuse cases. During that time, he came under criticism for decreeing that even the

Suspicion

• Vatican officials have been unable to hide their alarm about the possible implications for the papacy. "There is certainly the suspicion that there are some out there out to damage the church and the pope," said a Vatican official, speaking anonymously.

most serious abuse cases must first be investigated internally.

Since then, Benedict has taken a strong stand against abuse by clerics in the Roman Catholic Church.

Just weeks before he became pope, Cardinal Joseph

Ratzinger caused a stir when he denounced "filth" in the church and among priests — a condemnation taken as a reference to clerical sex abuse.

German church officials said yesterday they will examine what — if anything — Benedict knew about abuse during his time as Munich archbishop. The Regensburg diocese told The Associated Press it will investigate allegations of physical and sexual abuse that have swirled around a renowned choir led by the Benedict's brother, the Rev. Georg Ratzinger.

So far, the sex abuse allegations predate Georg Ratzinger's term as choir director. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Nearly half of babies in U.S. born to minorities

NUMBERS Minorities make up nearly half the children born in the United States, part of a historic trend in which minorities are expected to become the U.S. majority over the next 40 years.

In fact, demographers say this year could be the "tipping point" when the number of babies born to minorities outnumbered those of babies born to whites.

"For America's children, the future is now," Kenneth Johnson, sociology professor

The numbers are growing because immigration to the U.S. has boosted the number of Hispanic women in their prime childbearing years. Minorities made up 48 per cent of U.S. children born in 2008, the latest available census estimates, compared to 37 per cent in 1990.

"Census projections suggest America may become a minority-majority country by the middle of the century.

"For America's children, the future is now," said Kenneth Johnson, a sociology professor at the University of New Hampshire who researched many of the racial trends in a paper being released today.

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News in brief

DEATH TOLL Turkish officials yesterday lowered the death toll in this week's magnitude-6 earthquake from 51 to 41. A statement issued by the governor's office in the eastern province of Elazig said erroneous reporting was

responsible for the earlier toll. **SETTLEMENT** Eleven adopted and foster children forced to sleep in cages by their adoptive parents have reached a \$1.2-million settlement with the Ohio county where they once lived. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Mandela blasted by ex-wife
Nelson Mandela's ex-wife Winnie Madikizela-Mandela has bitterly criticized the 92-year-old anti-apartheid icon as having "let us down," prompting outrage in South Africa yesterday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

3 detained for child trafficking

Bolivian officials have detained three people suspected of trafficking 19 Haitian minors following last month's devastating earthquake in the Caribbean nation, a prosecutor said yesterday.

Haitians Norvil Hugneau, 39, and Brevil Marie Dom-inique, 24, and Bolivian No-ra Soliz Aguilera were charged with human trafficking "with the intent of work-related and sexual exploitation," prosecutor Pura Cuellar told The Associated Press.

The minors, ranging in age from six to 16, were among 76 Haitians who arrived in Bolivia last month saying they were survivors of the earthquake, Cuellar said. The government granted them temporary tourist visas, but officials at Bolivia's child-protection agency became suspicious after noticing that many of the children were not accompanied by parents.

The alleged traffickers' final destination was Brazil, Cuellar said.

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Gaza Marching in protest



Palestinian women supporters of the Islamic Jihad movement march during a rally against Israel's decision to include two West Bank shrines on a list of national heritage sites, north of Gaza City yesterday.

News in brief

BRAZIL President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva is coming under criticism for his deference to the Cuban government regard-

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Consider overshare consequences

Relating

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What if I used this space to share something inappropriately personal?

I constantly guard against offering too much of myself in this column. I know the

circulation numbers. I know that you, the person holding this paper, are likely a stranger.

That said, I am tempted to overshare online, lulled into a false sense of security that, on Facebook and Twitter, I am "among friends."

My overshares are generally benign minutiae ("This egg salad sandwich is so awesome!"). But many who overshare do it without a filter.

Chances are you would never tell a stranger on the bus about a graphic medical

condition or the details of your divorce. And, yet, these are all things that people have shared on Facebook, on message boards and on their blogs.

What is it that compels us to overshare online?

"We are in an age where we repeatedly see the purported benefits of oversharing. I call it 'peep culture,'" says Hal Niedzviecki, author of the recently published book *The Peep Diaries: How We're Learning To Love Watching Ourselves And Our Neighbors*.

"In pop culture, we are entertained by chosen celebrities who perform for us. In peep culture, we are entertained by random people around the world who let us peep into their lives. These are the friends, family and strangers we spend time looking at on Facebook, blogs, YouTube, Twitter, Flickr, reality TV, Chatroulette, etc. The more we see (oversharers) being rewarded with attention, extended networks, even money and celebrity, the more it becomes natural for

us to overshare and see if we, too, can enjoy some of the benefits..."

Oversharing is a way to get attention, certainly (See: Tila Tequila). But what about those who use social media to rally support during a difficult time? And what if that information falls into less-than-kind hands?

"It's a dangerous thing to use your life and other people's lives as mass media entertainment," says Niedzviecki. "It becomes very easy to forget that these are real people with

real lives ... what they say and do, and what you say and do in response, can really hurt them. We're extending a natural human tendency — to share, to reach out and connect with others — into a very unnatural space..."

Before broadcasting your life, consider the consequences of offering pieces of yourself to anyone who will listen.

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

Views

Good news, bad news — 15 years later

GlobalView

Mona Eltahawy

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In 1995, I joined women from around the world in Beijing, China, to attend the UN conference on women.

So, are things any better for women, worldwide, 15 years after the Beijing Dec-

laration and the Beijing Platform for Action?

First the bad news. Women's nominal wages are 17 per cent lower than men's. Women perform 66 per cent of the world's work, produce 50 per cent of the food, but earn 10 per cent of the income and own one per cent of the property, according to the United Nations Children's Fund.

An Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) report showed women in rich na-

tions on average earn nearly one-fifth less than men.

The pay gap was widest in Korea and Japan, where men earned more than 30 per cent more than women; Germany, Canada and the United Kingdom were the next worst performers with a pay gap of more than 20 per cent. Belgium and New Zealand, which had pay gaps of less than 10 per cent, performed the best.

The good news is that the OECD found the percentage of working women had in-

creased to 62 per cent in 2008, from 45 per cent in 1970.

Work at home or involving family care is not remunerated, of course, and so as long as women remain primary caretakers and those who sacrifice careers for home, that lower pay cycle will continue both outside and inside the home.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.



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MONEY Expectations of higher interest rates and investor demand for Canada will help drive the Canadian dollar past parity with the U.S. greenback by this summer, says CIBC

World Markets. In a report the investment bank notes the loonie has jumped above 98 cents US in recent weeks as investors expect interest rates to rise in Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Jobless recovery?

Tepid employment growth hampering expectations

Canadian workers may pay the price for the relatively healthy job market during last year's recession.

Job creation normally goes hand in hand with economic growth — with a little lag — but few analysts expect a big jobs rebound after last quarter's sharp growth in the economy. A consensus of economists surveyed believe Friday's employment report from Statistics Canada will show a modest 15,500 jobs pickup for February, barely treading water with population growth.

That expected tepid employment growth comes after the five-per-cent annualized growth the economy posted in the last

Contraction

- According to Statistics Canada, the economy contracted 2.6 per cent in 2009, while employment was down at about half that rate.
- In fact, employment in Canada has increased by 138,000 in the last six months.

three months of 2009.

Some have called such lacklustre expectations indications of a jobless recovery, but Scotiabank's Derek Holt notes that it is also the flip-side of better-than-expected employment during the recession.

Holt says the relatively few job losses during the

deep recession, combined with the fact Canada started adding jobs before most other countries, suggests gains will be more modest going forward.

Also adding to the dampening expectations is that governments are starting to shed public service jobs to rein in massive deficits, putting more onus on the still fragile private sector.

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Holder backs Goldman bid for Canwest

MEDIA A major bondholder of Canwest Global Communications says it will stand behind Wall Street investment bank Goldman Sachs as it fights the sale of Canwest's television assets

Toronto-based private equity fund Catalyst Capital Group Inc. says it "strongly supports" Goldman Sachs' move to kill the sale of the broadcast TV channels to cable operator Shaw Communications Inc., a deal approved last month by the Superior Court of Ontario. Catalyst has been part of a separate bid for the broadcast assets which Goldman had supported, alongside Canwest's founding family, the Aspers. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Nomar retires from Red Sox

Nomar Garciaparra rejoined the Red Sox for one day and then retired, ending a 14-year career in which he won two batting titles with Boston and was once a beloved player in the city. The shortstop signed a one-day contract with his former team yesterday before announcing he's leaving baseball at 36 to become an ESPN analyst. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Sports



Sedins donate \$1.5M for hospital

Daniel and Henrik Sedin are donating \$1.5 million to help build a new children's hospital in Vancouver. The Swedish twins, who were drafted by the Canucks and have lived in Vancouver for 10 years, said their donation will be used to help build the intensive care unit and diagnostics and imaging area at the new BC Children's Hospital.

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'Caps hiring of Barber 'momentous'

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During one of his first visits to Vancouver, Paul Barber, newly minted CEO of Whitecaps FC, asked his driver to pull to the side of the road so that he could watch people playing soccer.

"There were so many kids playing," said Barber, during a press conference in Vancouver yesterday.

"So many coaches enjoying what they were doing. The passion for the game was there for me to see. It was one of the things that helped convince me that

this would be a great move."

'Caps president Bob Lenarduzzi called the hiring a "momentous" occasion.

He said it was the management equivalent of MLS' designated player rule, where a team can bring in a star player, like a David Beckham, with only a minor hit to their salary cap.

Barber, 42, was the executive director of Tottenham Hotspur FC, the English Premiership team that he had grew up watching in North London.

Last year, Forbes.com listed the team as the 11th



Paul Barber, new CEO of Whitecaps FC, at a press conference at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver yesterday.

most valuable soccer franchise in the world.

He comes to a Whitecaps club on the cusp of jumping to Major League Soccer,

the highest level of soccer in North America.

"It's not just a big step up on the field, it's a big step up off the field," said

Barber, who remains on Tottenham's board of directors.

"We've got to give the team the best possible opportunity to succeed on the pitch."

Among the tasks ahead of him will be to relocate the club from its home at Swangard Stadium to Empire Bowl and then to a renovated B.C. Place.

High on his priority list, he added, will be the creation of a state-of-the-art training facility.

In January, Delta council scrapped the Whitecaps' plans for a \$31-million national soccer development centre.

Canucks' road trip ends with OT loss

NHL RESULTS

Vancouver 3 Phoenix 4 OT

NHL Adrian Aucoin scored in the sixth round of a shootout, and Ilya Bryzgalov deflected Mason Raymond's final attempt for Vancouver high over the net to give the Phoenix Coyotes a 4-3 victory over the Canucks yesterday night.

Lee Stempniak scored twice, Taylor Pyatt added a goal and Vernon Fiddler had two assists to help the Coyotes finish their four-game post-Olympic homestand with three straight victories.

Henrik Sedin had a goal and an assist, and Mikael Samuelsson and Christian Ehrhoff also scored for the Canucks, who lost for the second time in six games.

It was the end of Vancouver's 14-game road trip, the longest in league history. It surpassed the 11-game road trip the Calgary Flames endured in 1988, also to accommodate the Winter Olympics. The Canucks finished the trip with an 8-5-1 record.

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Luongo must be given ample time to rest

The Hockey News



With Sunday's win over Nashville, the Canucks reached the 40-win plateau faster than any other squad in franchise history.

Entering yesterday's action, if they could win 9 of their last 16 games they would set a franchise-best in wins and 22 more points would secure another franchise record.

But, really, that mark should be of little concern to this team and shouldn't

influence game plans. While it's not time to coast into the post-season until the division crown is officially locked up, it is time to start thinking about giving some players a night or two off to rest from the rigours of the past month-and-a-half's schedule.

The Canucks will return to GM Place Saturday for the first time since Jan. 27. You can be sure Roberto Luongo will be in net that night as the hometown fans are itching to welcome 'Lou' back to the arena where he won Olympic gold.

Luongo's regular season was shortened by injury last year, so he has already surpassed his number of games played from 2008-09. With 15 games left on the schedule, do you rest Luongo for four or five games? If

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With the playoffs out of sight, what's an Oilers fan to do? Root for the loss, of course. Scan this code for the story.

he starts 11 more, he'd end up with 67 games played, which would be the fifth-most in his 10-season career.

While Luongo is certainly an elite, tried-and-true professional with impeccable work habits, he can still be overworked. If it can happen to Martin Brodeur, it can happen to anyone.

And this season isn't your average year. Luongo did miss six games with a rib injury early on and the grind of playing on the road for so

long, with a pressure-filled Olympic tournament in the middle, can't do much good for the body as far as durability goes.

The Canucks look primed for a good run in the playoffs, but their primary concern now must be to make sure everyone is available.

For the rest of the way, I'd look to sit Luongo against the Islanders, Oilers and Wild, then if the division is all wrapped up, in the final game against the Flames.

After all, if your starting goalie can't give it his all every game through the playoffs because of nagging fatigue from a unique schedule, a record-setting regular season means nothing at all.

The Hockey News
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Sports in brief

HEADSHOTS NHL general managers have agreed on a rule to penalize blindsides hits to the head, looking to protect its talent in a game they acknowledge has become faster and more prone to collisions in recent years. The GMs want referees to call a minor or major penalty for any hit where the primary point of contact is the head. The new rule, which has not yet been given a specific name, could take effect next season.

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Suite Talk

A collection of homes described as family-friendly by developer Morningstar Homes has officially launched in Abbotsford below market prices for similar offerings in the region.

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The three- and four-bedroom houses at Homes at Pepin Brook are available in three floor plans and feature expansive kitchens.

and are priced in the high \$400,000s.

"Our research shows that our new homes are priced more than \$150,000 lower than the average new home price in Abbotsford," claimed Bob Morse, executive vice president of Morningstar Homes Ltd. "This community is an ideal solution for anyone looking for a high quality neighbourhood with easy access to all the services the area has to offer."

Amenities are well-suited for families, with a completed three-acre park featuring ample picnic space and a sports court as well as an elementary school located within walking distance.

Having officially launched last Saturday, Morse said buyers are already showing interest.

"We're happy to create a project that is like nothing else in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley areas, price-wise and concept-wise," he said. "The floorplans for this neighbourhood are based

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Paris got its own Savile Row with Hermes' fall-winter 2010-11 ready-to-wear collection of gender-bending looks fit for a dapper English gentleman. Little leather skirts were worn with menswear blazers and peacoats with crocodile belts. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Style



Obama gown for exhibit

Michelle Obama said Tuesday that she'll always cherish the moment she slipped into her inaugural ball gown, a one-shouldered, white chiffon design. She'll have to hold on to the memories because the gown isn't exactly hers anymore. In keeping with tradition, Obama donated the Jason Wu design to the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History this week. It will go on public display in a new gallery for the museum's first ladies exhibit, featuring president's wives from Mamie Eisenhower to the present.

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March break must-haves

Tips on creating your suitcase shortlist

JORDANA DIVON
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Whether you've pinned your Miami plane ticket to the cubicle wall, or fluffed up your down jacket in preparation for the slopes, Metro has assembled a list of March break must-haves to make your suitcase shortlist.

For the sunward bound, this season is all about legs and knowing how to use them. Holt Renfrew's style guru Barbara Atkin offers a few tips on how to wear minis — and not let them wear you.

"This season we saw a contest of short, shorter and

shortest across the runway, a trend that works perfectly with a warmer climate and looks great with a tan," she says. However, "make sure to pack a nude shoe to elongate your leg when you show them off in the season's shorter silhouettes."

Pair your mini with nude Stuart Weitzman pumps and an oversized white tank top to emphasize your lower extremities. And keep in mind: the mini trend extends to your accessories as well.

"Ladylite accessories made a big statement this season," adds Atkin, "so leave your oversized purse at home and opt for smaller, more refined bags to keep your essentials close to you."

If the combination of sunshine and all those tanned, bare legs leaves you squinting for mercy, make sure to

with oversized shades. Bold, round shapes and metallics are in for spring, but pick a pair that gives UVA protection as well as style.

Don't worry guys, we haven't forgotten about you. Your pants may be a little longer in the leg, but not shorter on style. Try khaki shorts along with a comfortable white linen shirt to keep cool.

Or if you plan on hitting the waves, you can't go wrong with classic blue trunks, but make sure to cover your delicate snowbird scalp with an oversized hat that will leave you with plenty of change in your tequila fund.

For those trading one snow bank for another, think warm but flattering outdoorwear.

Law student Elise Fataourech is planning to visit her boyfriend in Switzerland, and her must-have, fittingly enough, is a tailored boyfriend jacket.

"Boyfriend jackets are so versatile, and you can pair them with anything," she says. "They're easy and light, so you can throw a bunch of them in your suitcase, and mix and match."



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Entertainment

**Love interest**

Keri Russell is returning to television in a new Fox sitcom produced by *Arrested Development* creator Mitch Hurwitz and starring Will Arnett. Sources say Russell is in final talks to play Arnett's love interest. **EW.COM**

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Gorillaz storm the beach

Gorillaz**Album:** Plastic Beach**Label:** EMI**Rating:** ●●●●●

DAMON ALBARN SAID he wanted "an incredibly eclectic, surprising cast of people" and he got it for the third and finest Gorillaz album yet. First conceived as a project called Carousel, Plastic Beach is just that: A heady mélange that can spin from a heavenly arrangement by The National Orchestra For Arabic Music into a giddy hip-hop bounce with U.K. rappers Kano and Bashy in the span of one track (White Flag). De La Soul and Gruff Rhys live up to a vivid title like Superfast Jellyfish with a romp that's cartoonish and amusing, exemplifying everything the Gorillaz concept was supposed to be in only "three microwave minutes."

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

**AlbumReviews**

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Shins' James Mercer, but the collaboration still works. DM's electro pop backing coupled with Mercer's soft, soothing voice makes for some incredibly infectious tracks — Vaporize to name one — but other songs lack punch. It's a good disc for sure, but with these two huge musical talents at the helm, it could have been a bit better.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Jason Collett**Album:** Rat a Tat Tat**Label:** Arts & Craft/EMI**Rating:** ●●●●

JASON COLLETT IS a curious character. He's reached a good level of popularity, but his music isn't nearly as moving as many of Canada's other guitar-slinging folkies. His records are a mix of catchy rock and acoustic numbers and sleepy, forgettable songs. That said, his music keeps getting better and Rat a Tat Tat is an improvement. It's not a masterpiece, but songs like the Joel Plaskett-ish Lake Superior and the Dylan sounding Winnipeg Winds are interesting for the Canadian mythologizing as much as they are for their infectious melodies. Overall, this is a decent record — it may not get regular repeat plays, but it's still worth checking out.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

**Ellie Goulding****Album:** Lights**Label:** Polydor**Rating:** ●●●●●

BRITAIN'S STREAK OF fanciful female singer-songwriters continues with Londoner Ellie Goulding — not that the streak was in jeopardy. Like Florence, Lily or La Roux, Ellie's music is both chart-bound (she recently reached No. 1 on U.K. charts), but also distinctly inventive. Cutting her teeth on simplistic folk music, Ellie eventually rerouted her musical



Plastic Beach is the third album from Gorillaz.

cal path to slot in synthesizers and sequenced beats. The transformation provides an interesting conjunction — her folkie

vocal quiver could certainly survive stripped down to just an acoustic guitar, but the frantic rhythm and keys that commands

Starry Eyed and the synthy ecstasy of I'll Hold My Breath give Ellie her trademark.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

Broken Bells**Album:** Broken Bells**Label:** Columbia/Sony Music**Rating:** ●●●●**IT SOMETIMES**

SEEMS like anything Danger Mouse touches



turns to gold. He made Cee-Lo famous with Gnarls Barkley and helped turn Gorillaz into something other than a Damon Albarn side project. He's not as successful with the

Haim found dead at 38

OBIT Former teen idol Corey Haim, best known for his role in the 1987 hit *The Lost Boys*, has died after a well-documented battle with drug addiction and a string of B-movie roles aimed at returning to the spotlight.



Haim

He was 38. The Toronto-born actor died at a Burbank hospital early yesterday morning, said Lt. Cheryl

MacWillie of the Los Angeles County coroner. An autopsy will determine the cause of death and there were no other details, she said.

Haim had flu-like symptoms before he died and was getting over-the-counter and prescription medications, Sgt. William Mann said. The cause of death was unknown. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Dench mulling memoir

Baruchel is in a league of his own

Ottawa-born Jay Baruchel has grown from the goofy sidekick into a bonafide leading man

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Canadians love to celebrate their own. Whether it's basketball stars like Steve Nash or master thespians like William Shatner, if you make it big in America, we embrace you. Well, Canada's latest hero is now waiting in the wings and his name is Jay Baruchel.

A slim, unassuming 27-year old who's as humble as he is an unlikely celebrity, the Ottawa-born actor should perhaps be further rewarded for his patriotism since he still resides in Montreal and wears a maple leaf tattoo over his heart even as he's about to release his latest big Hollywood comedy, *She's Out of My League*.

"If it meant that I had to

"He's a charm to work with. He brings the acting but he's also great off the set and everyone's just happy to be around him"

Filmmaker Randall Cole says of Jay Baruchel

She's Out of My League opens tomorrow

move away from Canada to have a career in this business, it just wasn't ever going to happen."

Baruchel once told the *Victoria Times Colonist*. So who is this proud patriot? And how did Baruchel get to be so popular in Tinseltown?

"He's a charm to work



Jay Baruchel plays Alice Eve's unlikely love interest in *She's Out of My League*.

with," said filmmaker Randall Cole in an interview. "He brings the acting but he's also great off the set and everyone's just happy to be around him."

Baruchel actually began as a teen appearing in Canadian TV shows like *Popular Mechanics* for Kids before he moved to America. There, he soon landed

a role on Judd Apatow's short-lived television series *Undeclared* where he would befriend fellow Canuck actor Seth Rogen. Bolstered by his place-

ment in the popularity of the so-called Apatow Gang, Baruchel quickly gained notice with roles in such blockbusters as *Million Dollar Baby*, *Tropic Thunder* and *Knocked Up*. However, even as his star rose, he would pepper his Hollywood hits with intimate Canadian films like Cole's comedy *Real Time*.

"That's just always been my taste," Baruchel once told the *Montreal Film Journal*.

"The happiest part about my career so far, is having a resume that reflects my tastes, my opinions, what I find funny."

Well, it seems audiences certainly find Baruchel funny. Set to become Canada's latest superstar with upcoming leads in *She's Out of My League*, *How to Train Your Dragon* and the acclaimed Canuck comedy *The Trotsky*, William Shatner may have to roll over — there's a new kid with a maple leaf just a bit closer to his chest.

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news	602	568	3	W	Supernanny "Citarella Family"	Love It or List It	Confidential	Confidential		Divine Design House-Sell		Love It-List It
	288	380	3	ABC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy (CC)	Grey's Anatomy "Push" (N)		(:01) Private Practice (N)		KOMO 4 News
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	291	383	3	PBS	Great Scenic Railway Journeys	Great Scenic Railway Journeys	American Idol (CC)	Kitchen Nightmares (N) (CC)		An Evening With II Divo: Live in Barcelona		Cheers (CC)
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	296	653	3	SBK	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	The Office	Name Is Earl	South Park	Half & Half		Paid Program
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	410	403	3	SCR	Score Now	NBA Basketball	Portland Trail Blazers at Golden State Warriors. (Live)	Score Now		Score Now		Final Score
	417	406	3	SC	Bullrun (N)	Bullrun (N)	Pass Time	NASCAR Hub	Fast Track to Fame		Bullrun	Bullrun
	416	409	3	GLF	Fútbol Español Primera	Fútbol Español Primera	Foot Brazil	Toronto-Today	Gol TV News	Footballers'	Toronto-Today	Gol TV News
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	557	541	3	FAM	Sonny Chance	Suite Life	Overruled! (N)	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Latest Buzz	Ned's School	Cory in House
	553	546	3	TRE	Little Bear	Toopy	Max & Ruby	Dragon	Backyard	Ni Hao	G. Diego, Go!	Franklin
	268	354	3	KNO	Frontiers of Construction	Going to Extremes "Cold"	Unstable	Unstable	Empire of the Word		The Eloquent Nest (N) (CC)	Beautiful
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	500	505	3	DIS	MythBusters (CC)	Daily Planet (CC)	Daily Planet (CC)	Dirty Jobs "Tofu Maker"		Nostradamus Effect		Jobs
	522	506	3	HIS	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Ancient Discoveries (CC)	Ancestors		Ancestors		Nostradamus Effect
	526	528	3	CBS	Lost "Dr. Linus" (N) (CC)	InnerSpace	Stargate SG-1 "Redemption"	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Next	Gener.	Star Trek: Voyager (CC)	Star Trek: Voyager (CC)
	294	650	3	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Lopez Tonight	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Lopez Tonight
	619	525	3	TROP	Reality	Reality	Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	'70s Show	King
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581	566	3	MTV	Taking, Stage	Made (CC)	MTV Live	Movie Night	The Real World (CC)		Taking, Stage	Made (CC)	
261	394	3	V	(6:00) Cuthroat Island *** (1995) (CC)	Recreat. Eden	Apollo: The Race to the Moon (CC)	Connections	Desi Rhythms		Paid Program		
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CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

When a boy is murdered, Langston and Willows (Laurence Fishburne, Marg Helgenberger) and their colleagues uncover evidence that could link his death to an old, recently resurfaced case. Capt. Jim Brass (Paul Guilfoyle) clashes with high-powered attorney Lynn Stagner (guest star Faith Prince). George Eads also stars in the new episode "Neverland." 7 PM on CTV



Nicole Smith's life drama now opera

SHOW The world premiere of Mark-Anthony Turnage's *Anna Nicole* will be presented by the Royal Opera next Feb. 17,

starring Dutch soprano Eva-Maria Westbroek as the late model and Playmate. Covent

Garden music director Antonio Pappano will conduct and Richard Jones will direct, the company announced yesterday.

Turnage is the composer of Greek and the West End show *Jerry Springer: The Opera*. The libretto is by Richard Thomas.

Anna Nicole Smith died of an accidental drug overdose in 2007. She was 39.

She was *Playboy's* Playmate of the Year in 1993. She married 89-year-old J. Howard Marshall II the following year. After his death in 1995, she fought a protracted legal battle with his son over his estimated \$500-million fortune. Smith died five months after the death of her 20-year-old son from her first marriage.

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Dining Out for Life coming up soon

Don't forget! Dining Out for Life happens on March 25, with hundreds of restaurants across the province donating 25 per cent of food revenues to local organizations that support people living with AIDS. Visit diningoutforlife.com for details. **ANYA LEVYKH/FOR METRO VANCOUVER**

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Signature Drink: Gaida



Chicken liver terrine with fig jam and housemade biscuits.

I don't think I've ever seen a restaurant receive quite so much press before it had even opened. For the last seven months, it seems all everybody could talk about was the yet-again-delayed opening of Corner Suite.

The addition of Anthony Sedlak as EC certainly had something to do with all the hoopla. Then, just as the restaurant had finally opened, out went a press release. Sedlak was no more. Book and TV opportunities won out over a hot

kitchen, and the restaurant was left with executive sous chef Jason Leizert picking up the slack and donning the head hat.

I didn't know what to expect, but figured that any chef who had previously run his own kitchen (Leizert has) and been chosen to work with Sedlak (who has never run a kitchen), must have something going for him. Three visits later, I had come to several conclusions.

First, the room. It's bloody marvellous. Everything from the heavy silverware and polished black tables with their built in slots for your napkin, to the light blue dining chairs — made in Belgium, dipped in natural rubber, and super-extra-duper comfy — and the row of chandeliers, speaks of a fabulousness that leaves no room for pretension or snobbery. What there is room for is an excellent

glass of wine, or a cocktail from the thirty-page encyclopaedia they call a drinks list, along with lovely plates of French-based bistro fare.

And speaking of wines, all are available by the half-glass, full glass, carafe or bottle. I tried a half-glass of the lovely 2005 Château Rouselle Côtes de Bourg (\$5.50). This is a wine that is normally sold only by the bottle, especially for this vintage year. The

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mark-ups seem lower than usual, and the selection — orchestrated by the talented Sebastien le Goff and Kurtis Kolt — is one of the best I've seen this past year in this price range.

As for the food, there is only one word for such well-priced, well-presented fare, and that word is splendid. Even the complimentary gougères — little drops of pastry filled with gruyere — that come to each table as soon as you are seated, are tasty and inventive. The chicken liver pâté (\$12) is so creamy as to almost rival foie, and dishes like the bacon and onion Alsatian tart (\$14) or the veal cheeks with gnocchi and caramelized carrots (\$25) are hearty, comfortable dishes that are perfectly executed. We also appre-

ciated the kitchen's initiative when it plated a shared main as two separate dishes, without us having to ask. That attention is visible everywhere, like with the complimentary meringues that came with our bill.

My only quibble came with the service on an early visit. The staff is pleasant and friendly, if occasionally inattentive, but the lack of numbers on the floor made for a slammed restaurant and waits of 20 minutes or more for drinks, mains, and bills. This is a problem that time will hopefully fix, and our later visits were free of further problems.

As for the what-might-have-been, I'm sure if Sedlak had stayed, the food would still be very good. His touch is all over the menu, and it is well-thought-out. But the execution is all Leizert, and it is impeccable. I predict that Corner Suite will have a long and happy run, celebrity chef or no.

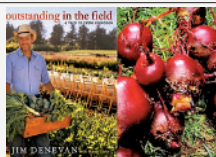
Dining out

LOCAL SUPPORT As a thank you to local restaurant goers, the Glowbal Group of Restaurants (Glowbal Grill, Coast, Sanafir, Italian Kitchen, Trattoria and Sanafir) is offering 30 per cent off of all lunch food items between March 15 and 25, Monday to Friday. Visit glowbalgroup.com for more details.

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Global Peasant blog online

• Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
 • Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant for a recipe of (Jim Denevan's) Marinated Roasted Beets.

**In brief**

EATS Chef Dino Renaerts has taken over the reigns at Fraiche and Crave Beachside in West Vancouver. Chef/owner Wayne

Martin will focus his attention on Crave on Main.

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Kate Gosselin shed her \$7,000 US hair extensions on Wednesday, her stylist Ted Gibson told Radaronline. Gibson explains that he'll put Gosselin's extensions back in — featuring new, multiple shades of blonde — on Thursday, usmagazine.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Farrah not forgotten

JUST NOT ENOUGH FILM WORK TO MAKE HER OSCAR-WORTHY It was no oversight. The executive director of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has apologized to the friends, family and fans of Farrah Fawcett, who was conspicuously omitted from Sunday night's Oscar-event tribute to Hollywood personalities who had died over the past year, people.com reports.

While some agents and publicists, as well as actors, were included in the memorial, Fawcett, a high-profile star better known for her TV work (who also appeared on the big screen), was not. Neither was Bea Arthur. Among those criticizing the Academy for its selective omissions were critic Roger Ebert and Oscar-winner Jane Fonda. In response, the Academy's Bruce Davis,

who was responsible for the "in memoriam" segment (and has been since the tradition began in 1993), said late Tuesday: "There's nothing you can say to people, particularly to family members, within a day or two of the show that helps at all. They tend to be surprised and hurt, and we understand that and we're sorry for it." Davis had considered including her, but ultimately felt her "remarkable television work would be more appropriately honoured at the TV Academy's Emmys," which she was.

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Two and half weeks

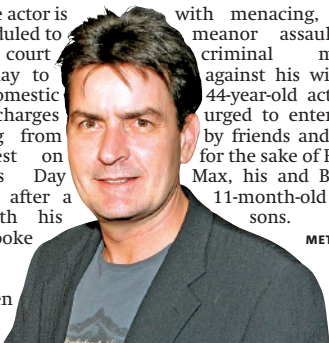
IN REHAB, LET'S HOPE, MAKE HIM MORE THAN HALF A MAN Charlie Sheen actor is expected to resume filming the comedy show next week, after he completes a stint in rehab for alleged problems with cocaine and alcohol.

The Two and a Half Man actor is expected to leave the facility — which he entered on Feb. 23 — in the coming days and according to his publicist will return to his show by Friday next

week. The actor is also scheduled to appear in court on Monday to answer domestic abuse charges stemming from his arrest on Christmas Day last year after a fight with his wife Brooke Mueller. Sheen has been charged

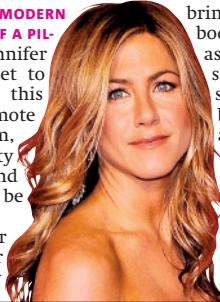
with menacing, misdemeanor assault and criminal mischief against his wife. The 44-year-old actor was urged to enter rehab by friends and family for the sake of Bob and Max, his and Brooke's 11-month-old twin sons.

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Sliding on the pole with her friends

IT'S LIKE THE MODERN EQUIVALENT OF A PILLOW FIGHT Jennifer Aniston is set to hit the U.K. this week to promote her new film, The Bounty Hunter, and she won't be alone. The former Friends star is reportedly



bringing along a body double to act as a decoy so that she can go sight-seeing without being hassled, according to the Daily Star. There's no word on if she'll use that private time to enjoy more of her new

favourite hobby, pole-dancing. "Jen can't get enough of pole-dancing at the moment," a source says. "She loves getting all the girls together so they can all do it together and have a laugh. "She thinks it's great for fitness and it makes her feel sexy."

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Looking for roles in all the right places

GLITTER IS DEAD BUT NOT SOON FORGOTTEN Mariah Carey is looking to keep her acting career going, and she hopes her future films are more like Precious than her famous flop, Glitter, she tells E! News. "I'm going to try to be careful about what I do," she says. "You've got to work with people who bring you to an-

other level, and you have to surround yourself with people you can fully give yourself to."

So who does she think can do that for her? Woody Allen.

"I've never met him, but Bullets Over Broadway is one of my favourite movies ever," Carey says.

"I can quote every word. I think it's amazing."

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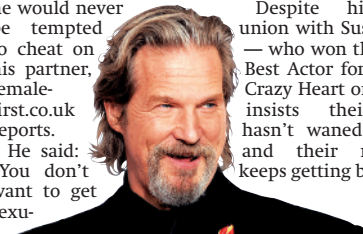
Still crazy (in love) after all these years

WE SHOULD ALL BE SO LUCKY Jeff Bridges, 60, who has been married to his wife Susan for 33 years, claims sex can ruin a person and he would never be tempted to cheat on his partner, female-first.co.uk reports. He said: "You don't want to get sexu-

ally involved with the other actor. It spells trouble. My family was and is too precious to me. I know sex can lose you everything."

Despite his lengthy union with Susan, Bridges — who won the Oscar for Best Actor for his role in Crazy Heart on Sunday — insists their passion hasn't waned over time and their relationship keeps getting better.

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Maddox the wonder kid

THIS IS ONE LUCKY LITTLE ORPHAN Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have reportedly been bragging to pals about how much of a genius their eldest son Maddox Jolie-Pitt is, according to the Daily Star. The eight-year-old Jolie adopted from Cambo-

dia before meeting Pitt apparently has a thing for the arts and languages.

"Maddox is amazingly smart and loves books and tinkering with gadgets," a source says.

"He is a gifted painter and sketch artist, takes piano lessons, does well in football and speaks fluent English, French, Spanish and his native Khmer."

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CelebTweets

NICK CANNON isn't worried about his career prospects, **DIABLO CODY** is questioning her tastes, **KAT DENNINGS** is already over it, and **ASHTON KUTCHER** is concerned about his appearance.

@NickCannon If I get fired, I still got like 17 other jobs LOL. It's all about the principal of the art! I am a comedian, people need to relax!

@diablocody Amazon just rec'd Lauren Conrad's LA Candy to me. This is the robot equivalent of a friend from the Midwest screaming "YOU'VE CHANGED!"

@OfficialKat On a scale of 1-10, please rate how sick you are of being sent the new OK Go video

@aplusk Time for a hair cut. I'm starting to look like Justin Bieber

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Acting shmacking

ROCKING OUT IS WHERE IT'S AT Gossip Girl star Taylor Momsen can relate to her troubled character on the hit show.

"Whether she's the bitchy mean girl or the nice girl from Brooklyn, she still never fully finds herself," Momsen tells Parade magazine. "It's been kind of like that for me my whole life."

Luckily, the 16-year-old star has her burgeoning music career to help her feel better.

"Music is where I can be me," she says. "It's what I want to do with my life ... Acting is easy."

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"WHAT'S THE STORY" THIS A.M. OPENER WITH 20-FOOT VINES.

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Yesterday's answer: What are kicks?

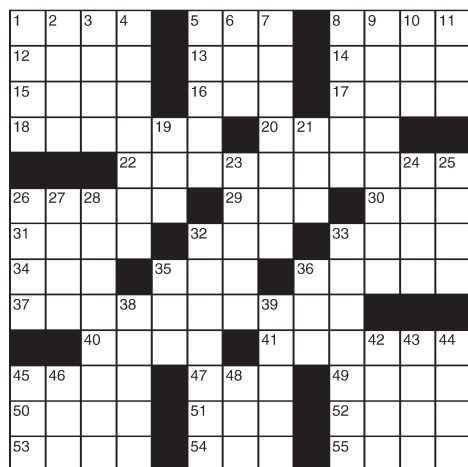




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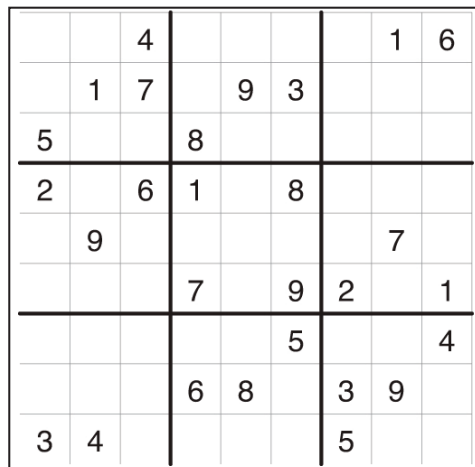
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33 Refuse to buy
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38 A crowd?
39 Trojan War story
42 Pennsylvania port
43 Addict
44 Early time, in verse
45 Pigs' digs
46 Expert
48 Grazing land

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

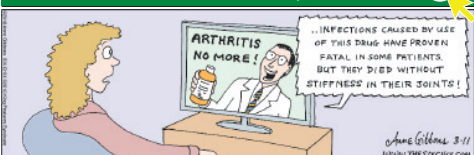


PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day



Easy Pizza Soup

INGREDIENTS:

15 ml (1 tbsp) vegetable oil
500 ml (2 cups) sliced white mushrooms
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 onion, chopped
5 ml (1 tsp) dried Italian herb seasoning
1 sweet red pepper, chopped
1 can pizza sauce
550 ml (2 1/4 cups) water
3 tomatoes, chopped
125 ml (1/2 cup) diced ham
175 ml (3/4 cup) croutons
175 ml (3/4 cup) shredded mozzarella cheese

METHOD:

1. In a large pot, heat oil over medium heat. Stir in

mushrooms, garlic, onion and seasoning; cook for 5 minutes or until vegetables are softened.

2. Stir in red pepper, pizza sauce and water; bring to a boil. Stir in tomatoes and ham; reduce heat, cover and simmer for 10 minutes or until flavours have blended. (Make ahead: Let cool, cover and refrigerate for up to 2 days.)

3. Divide croutons among bowls; spoon soup over top. Sprinkle with cheese.

SERVES 4

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20



Take a risk if you must but make sure you have a fall-back plan if things don't work out the way you hope.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



With Venus at right angles to power planet Pluto today disputes of one sort or another are more likely or not.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



With Venus, your ruler, squaring up to Pluto power games are likely over the next 24 hours, but you don't have to play them.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



If a friend or colleague tells you something in confidence today you must not immediately tell everyone else about it.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Today's challenging aspects will remind you that you cannot possibly do everything yourself – nor should you want to.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



With Mars on your side you won't hesitate to take the fight to the enemy. Who might that be? Anyone who challenges your right to act independently.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



If you have encroached on someone's territory you must accept the fact that you are in the wrong and make amends quickly.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



Pluto in your sign makes you somewhat pugnacious, so take care you don't say or do things that upset the people who mean the most to you.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



Do you wait to see how a situation develops or do you act and try to head off a potential disaster? Only you can decide.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Don't try to be someone you have no need to be. It's okay to have role models but it's not okay to imitate them in every way.

VIRGO

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